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SENATOR MAHONE'S POSITION. Senator Mahone's position is an anomalous one. A southern man by tirth and education, as brave a sold er as ever battled in defence of one's own country or section, as pure a man in the various relations of life as is anywhere to be found, he has become one of the leaders of the people who have sent him to the United States senate as their representative. His canvass was not made by him as a democrat ner as a republican. He claimed to be merely a readjuster, and beyond that an independent, political candidate. His people saw fit to place him in a position of high preminence and and trust, them and to is responsible alone, he them for his course. So long as he acts consistently in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him, so long as he satisfies the peo-

ple he was empowered to represent, so long as he breaks no faith nor conditions under which he secured the position, there is no power and no persons who has a right to abuse him for his conduct in that respect. While we regret beyond expression to see any son of the old "mother of states and presidents," sent to the United States congress, or to see any individual so sent, act otherwise than as the disciple of Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Mason and the others, vet we are confessedly sufficiently liberal and progressive in our sentiments and views to hold that the whole business is one exclusively between principal and agent. General Mahone has as much right to act as an independent, if he so holds his seat, as has Mr. David Davis, of Illinois. The role played by Mr. Hill, of Georgia, in his reflections on General Mahone, was as unwarranted as his entire speech was illogical and impolitic, and all such attempts at buildozing are calculated to injuriously affect, not only his own influence for good, but to injure the party he assumes to represent. The immediate cause of his excited conduct and violent expressions was the fact that the present sesate, when full, stands seventy-six members thirty-eight of these being commissioned to sit there as democrats, this including Mr. Davis who, though not sent as vo es. General Mahone was hasty in replying to Mr. Hill, since, when the latter observed that any senator who owed his seat to voted with any others than democrats, he need merely an axiomat-political proposition, but one did not touch the senstor Virginia, as he had been but by the people themselves, who never once, in the course of the entire canvass asked him to state that he was a democrat

announced from and the coalition that elected him, did so by a majority of some 22,000. Mr, Hill himsaif of shifting sides, for he had gone into his state convention, elected as a union man, yet turned around and voted for secession. General Mahone had never comm tted himself that he was tired of the old Bourbon element of the democratic party; that he believed it was detrimental to the progress of Virginia, and so believing, intended to fight it as arduously and, as honestly as he had fought for his state during the times that tried men's souls. He asserts distinctly and consistently that he is and intends to remain a conservative democrat, and when he departs from the platform on which he won his honors, it will be time enough to censure him. Therefore the remarks of Mr. Hill as rev ported, bore no relevancy to the question, and they were insinuations unjust in the extrame. He said : "Manhood, courage, bravery,fidelity, morality and respect for the opinions of mankind, required that when a man had arrived at the conclusion that he could not carry out a trust which had been confined to him, it was his duty to return his commission, and tell his constituents he had changed his mind; he did not believe that a single one of the thirty-eight men elected as democrats would hold in his pocket a commission conferred by democrats, and without giving any notice to his constituency or his associates, would execute that commission in advocacy of the adverse party; he denied the right of the Price-president to take part in organizing the conste, 38 to 38. Who is that one? Who is that one?" repeated Mr. Hill in a loud and excited tope of valce, "Who is ambitious to do what no man in the blutory of the country has ever done-to stand up in this high presence and proclaim from this proud eminence that he disgraces the commission he holds? Do you (addressing the republicant) receive him with affection? Do you receive him with respect? . Is such a man worthy of your association? Such a man is not worthy to be cant If my friends from Dlinois, Kansas were to whisper to me that they would vote scorn to socept their votes, and would tel. with ignominy from the ranks of the party." Georgi eaw fit thus to pursue, that is this day driving from the democratic racks good

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be quietly 66B~ will not attempted inch eastigations with the party lash. A political party is like unto a government, just as the pressure of restrictive and coercive power is increased, just so much the more general and potent will become the repellant forces of discontent and disintegration. If Genera Mahone is truly sincere in his expression of intention to do what he honestly and intelligently conceives to be what is right and expedient, and will prosecute to the end that principle, he will indeed be not only. deserving the highest praise from his fellowcitizens in the grand old state he represents, but of the admiration of mankind at large. If the democrate are wise they will reek to impress by arguments of truth, and to win over by kindly sentiments and manner any man whose inclinations must naturally be and indeed are srowedly pointing toward hearty co-operation with all that is proper in their party. And in this connection it might as well be stated that the democratic party of to day is not by any means a harmonious organization. Defeated combinations of the people rarely are. There is a re-adjustment of policies and processes going

on. Political parties, like social organisms, are modified with the suns, and the days for killing people or putting them on the rack because of a diversity of opinion, are gone forever. The world moves, and freedom daily enlarges her domain.

IRELAND.

Yesterday was St. Patrick's day, a national day in Ireland, a holiday with all Irishmen and their! decendents throughout the universe. At this particular time when Ireland is struggling for rights that are justly ber own, and opposing a galiant front to oppression and wrong, St. Patrick's day is invested with a peculiar interest. Ireland Who is it that utters the name, that thinks of the green is to of the sea, who does not feel his heart best with emotions of love, honor, and respect? Never was there a battle-field for a century past that did not give to the world a hero who was an Irishman. Never has there been an era in poetry; an era in romance; an era in history; an era in deeds or achievements of any nature whateoever that there was not Irishman as the central figure, as the chief character. Brave to a fault, if it be possible: generous, even unto self-sacrifice; true and truthful to the ultima thule of the meaning of those words; faithful to friendships and to duty, even to death, the Irish people a democrat, owes his position to democratic challenge the respect, the honor and the admiration of all other peoples. Gallant soldiers wherever they serve, and no flag floats that they have not fought for; intellectual democratic votes, would be a traitor if he to the supreme of intellectuality, for the best poets, the best dramatists, the best ro mancists, the best historians, the best metaphysicians, the best logicians, the best lawyers, the best physicians, the best divines have all numbered in their front ranks, Irishmen elected not by any democ atic legislature, A nationality without a nation; a people without a home that they can truly call their own; a country with its sons in every clime honoring that clime with their intelligence and their exploits, Ireland stands forth to-day the evnosure of all eyes, the loved and was far from impregnable on the question admired nationality of the universe with praises, with good wishes on the lips of all people in its behalf.

seated, yet as Mr. Hayes was leaving the vigorous assault upon him, not forgetting to ties the manner in which he got into the presidency. The republican press, too, almost universally has spoken of him since he left office in the same way, the following from the Nation being but a fair sample: "The action accepting the office; the vote of the electoral college would not, as we maintained at the time, have done so because it was clearly tainted with fraud. But of course the * action of the electoral commission could not make it decent for him to take the presiden-cy. * * * The defect in his position being a moral one, however, the only possible pallistive for it-cure there was none-was the diligent cultivation of moral strength, and the resolute avoidance of all courses which seemed likely to despen the suspicion which clouded his accession to office. He actually came to the conclusion as soon as he entered the white house that his first duty was, not by an exhibition of unswerving integrity, to relieve the honest souls all over continued, "you have but one, the vote will be the country who had supported him with believe that at least in a measure it is set, but and be a hindrance to them? misgiving for the sake of the party,' but to wall these roads pass through counties provide the Louisians and Fiorida politician sirendy populated and already directly repwho had counted him in with substantia did this he delivered himself into the hands live of the Texas & Pacific road, public education has become one of national rewards for their services. As soon as be of his enemies; he discarded the warranty which he had received from the electors! commission, and confessed obligation to the raturding boards,"

Tox true state of the prohibition question in the legislature is this: The senate possed a democrat. Is he worthy to be a republi, the proposed smeniment to the constitution prohibiting the menulacture or sale of and New York were to come to me holding liquors in the state, and it went to the nome. republican commissions in their pockets. In the latter body it was orgrossed by a vote sent.here by republican legislatures, and of 58 for and 228 against. A bure majority can engross a bill, but on Its final pa sage, for the democratic organization, I would as a proposed amendment of the constitu tion, it requires two-thirds of a full house. them that if they came they would be expelled Two-thirds of a full house is sixty-two When the vote on engressment was taken It is just such arbitrary, intemperate and there were seven absentees. Now if, on the dictatorial course as the cenator from final vote, four of the absorbers role for to proposition, then it will have perced by a constitutional mejority and will go believe men and true, intelligent and honest, who the people for their verdict in September refuse to be harnessed to the chariot wheel | next. If, at that elective, a majority of those voting, vote in fever of the amundament, it Mr. Hill's speech we regard as ill-timed, in | will become at once a part of the consti-

THE RE-APPORTIONMENT. As we said yesterday that we would do we this morning continue the discussion of sgain, for it is not a trite quotation, that the re apportionment of the state into sens- "cleanliness is next to godliness." The torisi and representative districts. While spring is upon us and with it, its warm days, we are anxious to do all in our power to fur- its growing vegotation, and it behooves Dalther the interests of north Texas, in every las to begin to put herself in a first class sanrespect, we do not desire to do so at the itary condition. During the winter, with its expense of any other section of the state. unusual weather, its sleets, snows and rains, We simply contend for what we believe is it was next to impossible for the light street strict justice to our section, at the same time and scavenger force the city has, to keep the considering the welfare of the whole of city clean, to remove its fifth accumulations. Terra. In yesterday's article we considered and the consequence is that now the senatorial districts, and we think we the highways, byways, alleys, and showed, from the official figures, leaving in back lots of the city are filled to reple the main, the figures to speak for themselves, tion with refuse matter. The gutters are that north Texas was entitled to a greater reeking, the garbage piles are beginning to senatorial representation than it now has, ferment and fester under the heat of the sur-Let us briefly analyze the representative dis- and unless our municipal authorities set tricts on the same plan we pursued yes- themselves vigorously to work, unleose the terday. There are now ninety- city's purse strings and authorize the health representatives in three legislature. Divide 1,600,000, the population of the state in round numbers, by ninety- ease and death. We have not been as yet three and; we have the population to visited with an epidemic, but Dallas for two representatives 17,204, and a small fraction, months or more past has been But the number proposed in the present scourged with the visitation of a legislature, if any new apportionment be direfully fatal sickness. Congestion and made, is one hundred representatives, which berebro-spinal meningitis have been very will make the basis of representation, in fatal, though fortunately, not very prevalentround numbers, 16,000. The constitution | We read in the papers of the country that says that the number or representatives should never exceed one hundred and fifty. the union. There seems to be contagion Why delay making the number one hundred and disease in the very atmosphere and there and fifty? Why not fix the number at the maximum, and stop legislation on this par- spring and the summer, always the sickly J. J. JONES. ticular point right now? At one hundred seasons, will be any healthier. Why, then and fifty, the basis would be 10,666. Taking the census reports for the north Texas counties, and we find an aggregate of 413,390 the danger, to remove the cause? The city votes, with only twenty-one representatives On the basis of one hundred and lifty representatives, north Texas would have thirty-eight representatives and a fraction of over 9,000 votes, which would entitle it to another representative, making thirty-nine. This would leave one hundred and eleven representatives to be divided between the other counties in the state, of which middle Texas would get a considerable increase, and south and west Texas each a slight increase. This is only right and proper, because in these sections the population is to be found for their increased representation. Now, with a representation of one hundred and fifty in the back yards of the city, the rains the lower house, it will be impossible to and heat of the spring and summer will soon make up every district with the start them to fermenting and decaying and exact population, so that some of this number must be the representatives of fractions the human system, dreaded malaria that that is to say floater representatives. The vitistes the blood and breeds all manner of question arises, where ought these floaters to sickness, will impregnate the air and the be placed? We say, from north Texas, and people will take it up in every breath they we will give our reasons for saying so. Along draw. Decaying and festering under the the line of the Texas & Pacific railroad rains and the heat, these fifth accuminulawest of Parker county, or say Eastland countions will soak into the ground and seaping ty, the road penetrates a region of the state with scarcely any population at all. This the wells of the city and poison road is being built right along at the rate of the water we drink and use for nearly a mile a day. In the trail of its mov- csoking purposes. We are not making stateing trains comes a long string of immigrants ments at random. Every citizen of this city some from other states and some from various parts of this state. They are say is true. Every citizen certainly knows filling up the railroad towns being Esstland, Baird, Abilene, Colorado. City and others, and settling up the country adjacent. This railroad is peopling this section and while these counties are not now sufficiently populated to entitle them to rep- medical fraternity have agreed, all schools of resentation at this time, they will be in two medicine, that all manner of fevers and epiyears, when the legislature meets. In that demics are traceable to direct causes reasoning. Mr. Conkling in the United time the Texas & Pacific railroad will be brought about by decaying vegetable readjusters, nor since. He has merely asserted States senate did all in his power to sid in completed to El Paso, where, forming a or aginal matter, or both. A cess pool, a motion with the Southern Pacific, it will garbage pile or a mething of that kind prorepublican paper throughout the country give the country a great highway from New vides malaria. It emits it, and mingling with was loud-mouthed in demanding that he be Orleans to the Pacific ocean. All along its the atmosphere it is taken up in the lungs line will be flourishing towns with and tainting the blood with its poison, tywhite house forever, Mr. Conkling made a seit ements about them, and coun- phus or some other kind of fever ensues and allude in the most contemptuous terms to a plow-share will be yielding up intelligent, well-informed physicians of this their agricultural riches. These counties city and they will tell you that if wise and have for years been the frontier of Texas. stringent sanitary measures are not taken, They have all the time, even before their and promptly, that much sickness will be lines were defined, had a few inhabitants, natural and positive consequence. The Hunbrave pioneers, who have not only battled allo is not an alarmist and is not saying a of the electoral commission justified him in with the forests and the prairies, but with the saveges and wild beasts that roamed but in an abundance of caution, it urges that bein. These hardy sons of the state have | the city be cleaned, never had a direct representation in the legislature of the state and it is due to them, lots were sold in Abilene on Tuesday for and due to the increased population that \$24.876, or a fraction ever \$175 per lot two years will give to these countles, that the benefit of the fractions should go to

be just as truly said that the extension of the Missouri Pacific from Denson on to a connection with the International railroad and the extension of the Gulf, Colcrado & Santa Fe road, and of the Texas Truck, and of all the other roads in process of construction, will give increased population to the counties through which they will pars, the same as the Texas & Pacific. We do not deny this proposition, because we re vated in the legislature while such is not and public education generally, the New the case with the courties along the Orleans Picarune says: "The subject of There is no question of sectional advantage importance, and it received favorable considis the question of apportionment. It is egation in the inaugural address of President simply a question of fairly, equally and just- Gardeld, who expressed his recognition of its ly dividing representation among the popula- effect upon society and government. The on. The interests of one party of the state administration, both state and city, would do in so far as its locality is concerned, are no well to devote much more attention to this deerer than the interests of another or any highly important subject than they have other portion of the state. The apportion- beretofere manifested, and if they do so a so most can be made so se to subserve the material interests of the state as a whole, and it may be reached." this can only be done upon the basis of pup or a state that do in behalf mission. We should depressite any demo- of free schools goguery, any underhand work in this matter but we think President Gardeld and all his and the legislator that satempts it, will hear party are wrong in a promating that the fedpeak of thurster from the people.

Facut tie 19th to the 20th, Professor Tice vs there will be a rising barometer, falling superstore and fair or clear weather. bits if as well for these two days, to-day and to-morrow, as he did for the three clays just post, we shall certainly be much obligat

Mr. W. G. Walls his written a new play, untilind Juanita, in blank weren, for Madera Modlecks.

We have said it before and we say it the officer to have this city thoroughly cleaned, we are going to reap a fearful harvest of disfatal diseases exist everywhere thoroughout is no reason to believe or to hope that the should we not prepare for possible danger shead? Why not do all in our power to avert council can if it will have Dallas made as clean and as pure as a high rolling prairie that never knew a plowshare or the presence of man. Next month, we are to have a municipal election, and this question of cleanliness ought to be made an issue in the canvass. It is simply a question of health and happiness weighed in the balances with dollars and cents. It will cost something to have the city pat in a good sanitary condition, but it will not cost much. If it is not, if the filth accumulations of months are suffered to remain in the gutters, in the sewers, in the closets, in the alleys, in the foul gases they will emit, poisonous to through the soil, find their way to who reads this article, knows that what we that if the city is not thoroughly cleaned off and constructed, Gordon, and kept so, that a vast deal of sickness will ensue this spring and summer. If this be true then, why not clean the city? The highest perfection of the medical science is to remove causes and provent sickness. The that have never knewn suffering and distress is entailed. Ask the

We see that one hundred and thirty-nine These lots had only twenty-five feet front by one hundred feet, or perhaps one hundred making up the apportionment. It may and fifty. It would take at least eighteen or twenty of them to make an acre, which would be about \$3,000 an acre. Two or three years ago the entire plat of Abilene could have Seen bought for ten dollars. Does this not show what railroads are doing for the country & Are they not developers ? Are they not building us up and mereasing the value of our property? Then in the name of common sense why does the legislature want to pass a bill that will callitate against them

word in the nature of anything sensational,

SPRAKING of free schools in New Orleans lution of the difficulties now surrounding What a city all right, eral government have anything to do with free schools. It is no part of the general government's duty to look after the education of any person, unless possibly it be the Indians. The motake the president and his Indians. The metake the president and he party makes is that the federal government has sitioned and therefore it ought to take in charge the interests of its charges. If it he preside that it is a duty incumbent upon the federal of referenced to provide the means for a findication for the Indiana, why let it do no, by all means, but don't less it appears to provide from achieves him to be it appears to provide from achieves him applied to do it as feeling to do t

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